(c) how it would help in Navigation Guidance System?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) Bharat Electronics has developed an integrated fish finder and navigation guided system which basically consists of a global positioning system receiver and an echo-sounder. The global positioning system is an electronic device receiving satellite transmissions to determine the geographical position of the platform on which it is located, which in the case of fishing is a boat. It can also be pre-programmed to enable the boat to be navigated to a pre-determined position.

Investment by France in Indian defence sector

2630. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that France has shown interest in investing in the Indian defence sector;

(b) if so, what are the areas in defence sector in which France is interested to invest;

(c) whether any decision has been taken by Government in the matter; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) No proposal for investment in the Indian Defence Sector by France has been received.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Indians languishing in foreign jails

2631. SHRI C.O. POULOSE:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians languishing in foreign jails, particularly in US, UK and other developed countries; and

(b) in comparison to the activities of foreign embassies to get release of their citizens from the Indian jails, what role Indian Embassies have played to get release the Indians from the jails in developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Accroding to Government's information, at present there are 6779 Indian citizens imprisoned in various foreign countries. A Statement of number

of Indians imprisoned in US, UK and other developed countries is annexed. (*See* below)

(b) As soon as the Indian Embassy learns of the arrest of an Indian national, a request is made to the host Government for consular access. An official of the Embassy visits the detainee to ascertain the circumstances leading to the arrest. Where necessary, the Embassy takes up the matter with the host Government for speedy and fair trial and also for review or remission of the sentence in deserving cases.

Statement

Number of Indians Languishing in foreign jails

Country	No. of Indians in jail
Australia	02
Canada	04
Denmark	02
Germany	224
Italy	06
Japan	05
New Zealand	04
Spain	80
Switzerland	01
United Kingdom	189
USA	58
TOTAL:	575

U.S. President visit to India

2632. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of U.S. has agreed to visit India soon;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any intimation from the US;

(c) by when the visit is likely to be; and

(d) what are the issues to be discussed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The U.S. President has written to the Prime Minister, accepting his invitation to visit India.